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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT / REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rowland Richards on 5/11/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-2 and 9-13 as follows:

- 1. (cancelled)
- 2. (cancelled)
- 9. (cancelled)
- 10. (cancelled)
- 11. (cancelled)
- 12. (cancelled)
- 13. (cancelled)
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of Gdovin et al, Melby and Stanford use optical fibers in fabrics or surfaces, but fail to explicitly disclose or reasonably suggest the use of such illuminated fibers extending from a backing surface of **artificial turf** (emphasis added). Therefore claims 3, and 6 are allowed. Claims 4-5 and 7-8 are allowed by virtue of their dependencies.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's 3. disclosure.

United States Patent Number 4,884,865 to Grise discloses optical fiber bundles a. passed through a carpet material but fail to suggest its use in artificial turf.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-2363. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830AM - 430PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on 571-272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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